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chiefly occupied in preparing and circulating a
memorial to
the Home Secretary, praying for his father's
release on vari-
ous grounds. Though two or three of the
newspapers were
already beginning to think that matters had
been car-
ried too far, few journalists, unless friends,
were asked for
their signatures; but Vizetelly's son had the
satisfaction of
securing the support of several notable
authors with whom
he had never previously held communication.
Their letters
of sympathy touched him deeply, and showed
him that
though the newspaper press might be so
largely under the
thumb of the "National Vigilants," there were
men of letters
of high standing who retained all their
independence of
thought. A few, it is true, made certain
reserves with re-
spect to Zola's works, but all felt that Henry
Vizetelly
ought not to have been treated so harshly. The
writer, un-
fortunately, has preserved no complete list of
those who
signed the petition (fr6m one hundred to one
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## pictorial press:

" Sir Algernon Bortlrwick (now Lord Glenesk), M. P., Sir E. W. Watkin, M. P., T. P. O'Connor, M. P., Storey, Μ, Samuel Charles Bradlaugh, M. P., Dr. C. Cameron, M. P., The Earl of Desart, Sir J. E. Millais, E. A., Sir John W. Gilbert, Ε, Α., Linley Birket Frith, E. A., Foster, Sambourne, Furnisa, Harry George du Maurier, Prof. Henry Morley, Gedcles, Prof. Arthur Thomson, Edmund Gosse, Dr. E. Garnett, Dr. F. J". Furnivall, Oscar Browning, John Addington Symonds, Leslie Stephen, Dr.